



## 高能自旋物理基础 Basics for High Energy Spin Physics

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## 原子光谱学与量子物理理论发展

分立谱(Balmer's formulae)	→	量子力学
精细结构(fine structure)	→	电子自旋
超精细结构(hyper-fine structure)	→	质子自旋
兰姆位移(Lamb shift)	→	量子场论

# Introduction: The concept of electron spin



## 电子自旋的发现

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Ersetzung der Hypothese vom unmechanischen Zwang durch eine Forderung bezüglich des inneren Verhaltens jedes einzelnen Elektrons.

in Übereinstimmung zu kommen, muß man also diesem Modell die folgenden Forderungen stellen:

a) Das Verhältnis des magnetischen Momentes des Elektrons zum mechanischen muß für die Eigenrotation doppelt so groß sein als für die Umlaufbewegung<sup>2)</sup>.

b) Die verschiedenen Orientierungen vom  $R$  zur Bahnebene (oder  $K$ ) des Elektrons muß, vielleicht in Zusammenhang mit einer HEISENBERG-WENTZEL'Schen Mittelungsvorschrift<sup>3)</sup>, die Erklärung des Relativitätsdoubletts liefern können.

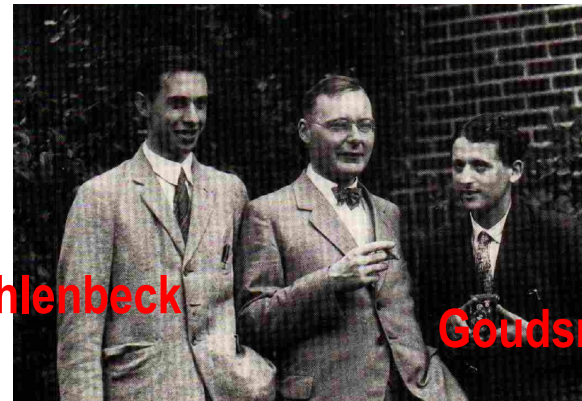
G. E. UHLENBECK und S. GOUDSMIT.

Leiden, den 17. Oktober 1925.

Instituut voor Theoretische Natuurkunde.

Es ist mir ein Bedürfnis, festzustellen, daß Prof. W. J. DE HAAS mir schon vor einigen Monaten die Apparatur für ein sehr interessantes Experiment zeigte, das sich ebenfalls mit dem Problem der inneren Rotation des Elektrons beschäftigt. Obwohl *mir* die betreffenden Ideen von Prof. DE HAAS seit längerer Zeit bekannt waren, hatten die Herren UHLENBECK und GOUDSMIT, als sie mir kürzlich die obigen Überlegungen mitteilten, davon keinerlei Kenntnis.

P. EHRENFEST.



Uhlenbeck

Goudsmit

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### Spinning Electrons and the Structure of Spectra.

this moment of momentum is given by  $K\hbar/2\pi$ , where  $K = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$ . The total angular momentum of the atom is  $J\hbar/2\pi$ , where  $J = 1, 2, 3$ . The symbols  $K$  and  $J$  correspond to those used by Landé in his classification of the Zeeman effects of the optical multiplets. The letters  $S, P, D$  also relate to the analogy with the structure of optical spectra which we consider below. The dotted lines represent the position of the energy levels to be expected in the absence of the spin of the electron. As the arrows in-

electron.

In conclusion, we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Prof. Niels Bohr for an enlightening discussion, and for criticisms which helped us distinguish between the essential points and the more technical details of the new interpretation.

G. E. UHLENBECK,  
S. GOUDSMIT.

Instituut voor Theoretische Natuurkunde,  
Leyden, December 1925.

HAVING had the opportunity of reading this inter-

the correspondence between classical mechanics and the quantum theory.

N. BOHR.

Copenhagen, January 1926.



## GEORGE UHLENBECK AND THE DISCOVERY OF ELECTRON SPIN

How two young Dutchmen, one with only a master's degree, the other a graduate student, made a most important finding in theoretical atomic physics.

Abraham Pais

The owl depicted on the signet ring George Uhlenbeck used to wear—"Uhlenbeck" in German means "owl's brook"—derives from his family's coat of arms. The shield reads, in the language of heraldry: Azure, on a tree trunk proper rising from water argent, an owl contourné, head affronty. In plain language, it depicts an owl with its head turned toward you, sitting on a tree trunk in natural color, which rises up out of a silvery brook. (I owe the transcription of the Dutch blazon into English heraldry to Michael Maclagan, the Richmond Herald in the College of Arms, in London.)

Abraham Pais is Detlev Bronk Professor Emeritus at Rockefeller University, in New York. He based this article on his presentation at APS's Uhlenbeck Memorial Symposium, held in Baltimore on 3 May 1989.

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### 假设

电子具有（绕自身转动的）额外的自由度

$$s = 1/2$$

自旋磁矩

朗德因子  $g_s = 2$

自旋轨道耦合

$$V_{ls}(r) = -\frac{1}{2m^2} \frac{dV}{dr} \hat{l} \cdot \hat{s}$$

### 问题

表面速度  
远大于光速？

电子磁矩与自身运动  
产生的磁场相互作用？

因子2的差别？

### 解答

量子效应

相对运动，外场

相对论运动学效应  
托马斯进动

Thomas precession



# Introduction: The concept of electron spin



Dirac equation for free particle:  $i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \hat{H} \psi$        $\hat{H} = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m$

(1) Dirac粒子是自旋1/2的费米子

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{\vec{L}}] = -i\vec{\alpha} \times \hat{\vec{p}} \quad [\hat{H}, \hat{\vec{\Sigma}}] = 2i\vec{\alpha} \times \hat{\vec{p}} \quad [\hat{H}, \hat{\vec{J}}] = 0 \quad \hat{\vec{J}} = \hat{\vec{L}} + \frac{\hat{\vec{\Sigma}}}{2} \quad \hat{\vec{\Sigma}} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) Dirac粒子的磁矩  $g_s = 2$        $\hat{\vec{M}} = \frac{1}{2} q \vec{r} \times \hat{\vec{v}} = \frac{1}{2} q \vec{r} \times \vec{\alpha} = \frac{q}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{r} \times \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{r} \times \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

考查自由的Dirac粒子  $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}$        $\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$        $\begin{cases} (E - m)\xi = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}\eta \\ (E + m)\eta = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}\xi \end{cases}$        $\eta = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}}{E + m} \xi$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{\vec{M}} | \psi \rangle = \frac{q}{E + m} \int d^3r \xi^\dagger (\hat{\vec{L}} + \vec{\sigma}) \xi$$

Non-relativistic limit:  $E \sim m \gg |\vec{p}| \sim V(r)$

(3) Dirac粒子的spin-orbit coupling

考查中心力场中运动的Dirac粒子  $\hat{H} = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m + V(r)$        $\hat{H}_{eff} \xi = E \xi$

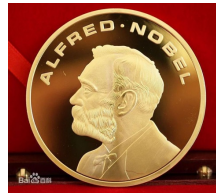
$$\hat{H}_{eff} = m + \frac{\hat{\vec{p}}^2}{E + m - V} + V + \frac{dV}{rdr} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{L}}}{(E + m - V)^2} - i \frac{dV}{rdr} \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}}{(E + m - V)^2}$$

**but this is NOT the non-relativistic equation!  $\xi$  is not normalized,  $\hat{H}_{eff}$  is not Hermitian  
The correct form is obtained by using the Foldy-Wouthuysen transformation.**

# Spin-orbit coupling in systems under strong interaction

## At the hadron level

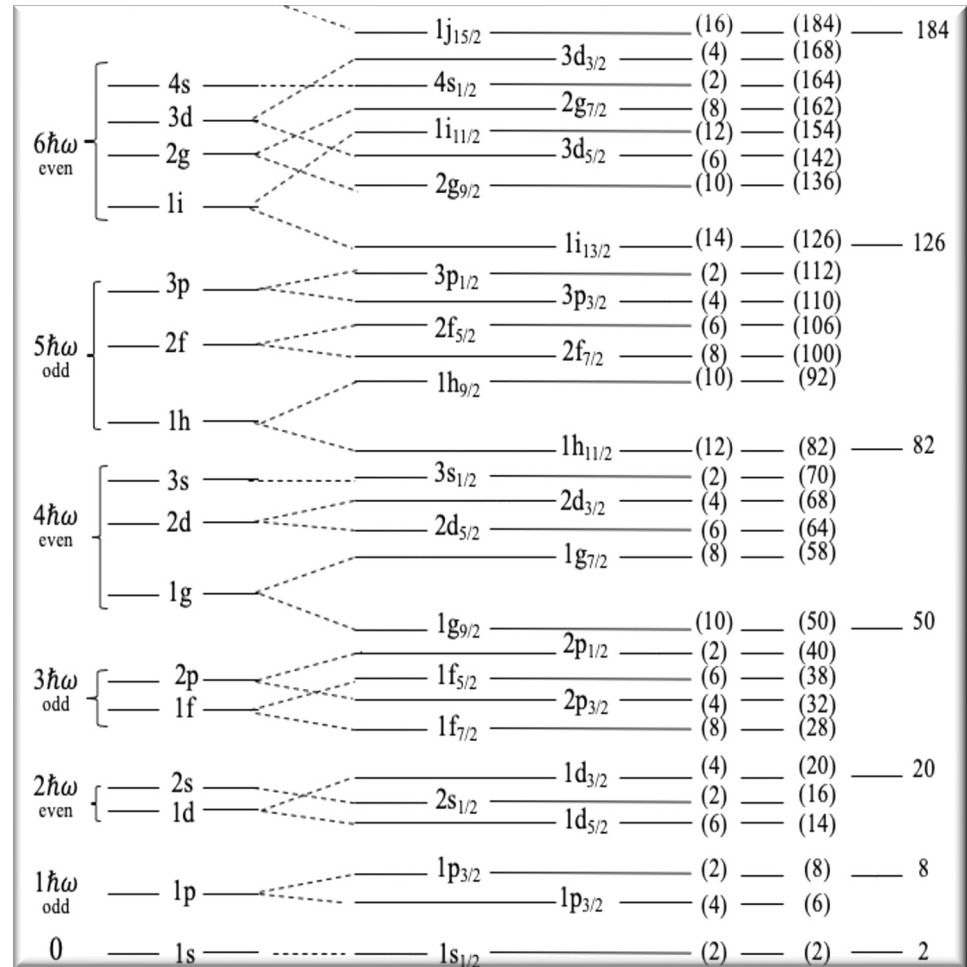
### Nuclear shell model



Nobel price 1963

M.G. Mayer, J.H.D. Jensen (1948)

LS-coupling  $\Rightarrow$  “magic numbers”



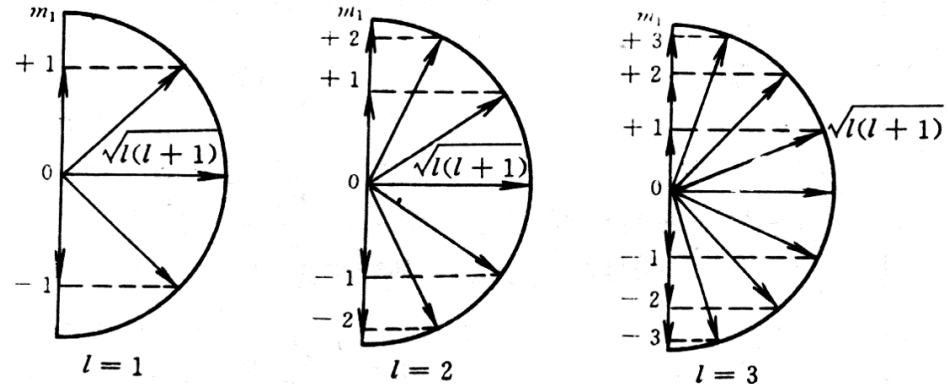
M.G. Mayer and J.H.D. Jensen, “Elementary Theory of Nuclear Shell Structure”, Wiley, New York and Chapman Hall, London, 1955.

## Three characteristics of spin

量子

相对论

自旋轨道耦合



空间量子化示意图

By the way

$g = 2$ , point-like;  $g-2$  experiments, test of QED, new physics.

**Anomalous magnetic moment:**

$g \neq 2$  significantly different from 2, composite nature of particles;  
e.g.  $\mu_p = 2.97\mu_N$ ,  $\mu_n = -1.91\mu_N$  the first signature of structure of nucleon.

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# Description of spin states: spin-1/2 particles



单粒子状态

非相对论情形

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\sigma} \quad \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z \xi_z(m) = m \xi_z(m) \quad \xi_z(+)=\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_z(-)=\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For any  $\vec{n} = \sin \theta \cos \varphi \vec{e}_x + \sin \theta \sin \varphi \vec{e}_y + \cos \theta \vec{e}_z$ , we have

$$\sigma_n = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} \quad \sigma_n \xi_n(m) = m \xi_n(m) \quad \xi_n(+)=\begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

For any  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\sigma_n \xi = \xi$   $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|b|}{|a|}$   $e^{i\varphi} = \frac{|a|b}{|b|a}$

For any  $\hat{O}$ , we have  $\hat{O} = \hat{O}_s I + \hat{O}_V \cdot \vec{\sigma}$   $\hat{O}_s = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \hat{O}$   $\hat{O}_V = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\vec{\sigma} \hat{O})$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



单粒子状态

相对论情形

$$\psi_{pS}(x) = u(p, s) e^{ipx} \quad u(p, s) = N \begin{pmatrix} \xi_z(m) \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E + m} \xi_z(m) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z \xi_z(m) = m \xi_z(m)$$

$$\Sigma_z u(p, S) \neq m u(p, S)$$

**Helicity (螺旋度)**  $\hat{h} \equiv \frac{\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \quad \hat{h} u(p, \lambda) = \lambda u(p, \lambda)$

$$u(p, \lambda) = N \begin{pmatrix} \xi_h(\lambda) \\ \lambda \sqrt{\frac{E - m}{E + m}} \xi_h(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \xi_h(\lambda) = \lambda \xi_h(\lambda)$$

$$\xi_h(+)= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_h(-)= \begin{pmatrix} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{m=0} u(p, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_h(\lambda) \\ \lambda \xi_h(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



Helicity (螺旋度)  $\hat{h} \equiv \frac{\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$

ANNALS OF PHYSICS: 7, 404–428 (1959)

## On the General Theory of Collisions for Particles with Spin\*

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This has been done by Stapp (6) for collisions between spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles and by Chao and Shirokov (7)<sup>1</sup> for particles of arbitrary spin. In either case, the authors

7. CHOU KUANG-CHAO AND M. I. SHIROKOV, *J. Exptl. Theoret. Phys. (U.S.S.R.)* **34**, 1230 (1958); translation: *Soviet Phys. JETP* **7**, 851 (1958).

\* *Note added in proof.* We have recently received a copy of a paper by Chou Kuang-Chao [*J. Exptl. Theoret. Phys. (U.S.S.R.)* **36**, 909 (1959)] in which a treatment is given which applies when one of the incident particles has zero mass.



周光召

- ① Only for particles with given  $\vec{p}$
- ② Neither additive nor multiplicative
- ③ Lorentz invariant for  $m = 0$ , helicity=chirality
- ④ Helicity conservation: scattering:  $h_{in} = h_{final}$   
pair creation/annihilation:  $h_{particle} = -h_{anti-particle}$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



## Chirality and helicity

### (1) Chirality (手征性) 定义与性质

$$\gamma_5 = i\gamma_0 \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \quad \gamma_5^\dagger = \gamma_5 \quad \{\gamma_5, \gamma_\mu\} = 0 \quad \gamma_5^2 = 1 \quad \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_5 \psi = \lambda \psi \quad \lambda = \pm 1 \iff \psi_{L/R} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_5) \psi \quad \psi = \psi_L + \psi_R$$

$$\psi^\dagger \psi = \psi_L^\dagger \psi_L + \psi_R^\dagger \psi_R$$

$$\psi_L^\dagger \psi_R = \psi_R^\dagger \psi_L = 0$$

$$\bar{\psi} \psi = \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L$$

$$\bar{\psi}_L \psi_L = \bar{\psi}_R \psi_R = 0$$

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_R$$

$$\bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_R = \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_L = 0$$

### (2) 当 $m = 0$ 时, chirality=helicity

$$u(\mathbf{p}, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi(\lambda) \\ \lambda \xi(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{p}, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \xi(\lambda) \\ \xi(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u(\mathbf{p}, R) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi(+ ) \\ \xi(+ ) \end{pmatrix} = u(\mathbf{p}, +) \quad u(\mathbf{p}, L) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi(- ) \\ \xi(- ) \end{pmatrix} = u(\mathbf{p}, -)$$



# Description of spin states: spin-1/2 particles



## Dirac spinor的bilinear covariants (双线性协变量)

### (1) The independent $\Gamma$ -matrices

In the 2x2 case:  $(I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z) \quad \{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} = 2\delta_{ij} \quad \text{Tr}\sigma_i = 0 \quad \text{Tr}(\sigma_i\sigma_j) = 2\delta_{ij}$

For a given  $\hat{O}$ :  $\hat{O} = \hat{O}_s I + \hat{\vec{O}}_V \cdot \vec{\sigma} \quad \hat{O}_s = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\hat{O}) \quad \hat{\vec{O}}_V = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\hat{O}\vec{\sigma})$

In the 4x4 case:  $\Gamma_n = \{I, \gamma_5, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_5\gamma_\mu, \sigma_{\mu\nu}\} \quad 16 \text{ independent } \Gamma\text{-matrices}$

$$\text{Tr}\Gamma_n = 0 \text{ besides } \Gamma_1 = I. \quad \Gamma_n^2 = \pm I \quad \text{Tr}\{\Gamma_a\Gamma_b\} = \pm 4\delta_{ab}$$

$$\gamma_5^\dagger = \gamma_5, \quad \gamma_\mu^\dagger = \gamma_0\gamma_\mu\gamma_0, \quad (\gamma_5\gamma_\mu)^\dagger = \gamma_0(\gamma_5\gamma_\mu)\gamma_0, \quad \sigma_{\mu\nu}^\dagger = \gamma_0\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma_0$$

For a given  $\hat{O}$ :  $\hat{O} = \hat{O}_s I + \hat{O}_P \gamma_5 + \hat{O}_{V\mu} \gamma^\mu + \hat{O}_{A\mu} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu + \hat{O}_{T\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu}$

$$\hat{O}_n = \pm \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}(\hat{O}\Gamma_n)$$



## Dirac spinor的bilinear covariants (双线性协变量)

### (2) The bilinear covariants $\bar{\psi}\Gamma_n\psi$

$\bar{\psi}\psi$  scalar

$$\hat{P}\bar{\psi}\psi = \bar{\psi}\psi$$

$\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$  pseudo-scalar

$$\hat{P}\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi = \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$$

$\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi$  vector

$$\hat{P}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$$

$\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\gamma_\mu\psi$  axial vector

$$\hat{P}\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\gamma_\mu\psi = -\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\gamma^\mu\psi$$

$\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\psi$  tensor

$$\hat{P}\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\psi = \bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi$$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



## Polarization vector of a spin-1/2 particle system

The spin density matrix  $\hat{\rho} = \sum_{\alpha} g_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$       normalization  $\text{Tr}\hat{\rho} = \sum_{\alpha} g_{\alpha} = 1$

Average value of  $\hat{O}$ :  $\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \text{Tr} \hat{\rho}\hat{O}$       Probability in the state  $|\psi\rangle$ :  $P_{\psi} = \langle\psi|\hat{\rho}|\psi\rangle$

We choose a basis, e.g., the helicity basis  $|\lambda\rangle$ , where  $\lambda = \pm 1$ ,

$$\rho_{\lambda\lambda'} = \langle\lambda|\hat{\rho}|\lambda'\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} g_{\alpha} \langle\lambda|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|\lambda'\rangle$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{++} & \rho_{+-} \\ \rho_{-+} & \rho_{--} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a 2x2 Hermitian matrix.}$$

We decompose it as  $\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{1} + \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$

$$\vec{P} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}\vec{\sigma}) = \langle\vec{\sigma}\rangle \text{ is the polarization vector of the system.}$$

# Description of spin states: spin-1/2 particles



Polarization vector of a spin-1/2 particle system in a pure state  $|p, n\rangle$

**Non-relativistic**, the spin state is given by the Pauli spinor  $\xi(\mathbf{n})$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} \xi(\mathbf{n}) = \xi(\mathbf{n}) \quad \xi(\mathbf{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

The helicity state is given by  $\xi(\lambda)$  where  $\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \xi_h(\lambda) = \lambda \xi_h(\lambda)$

$$\hat{\rho} = |\mathbf{n}\rangle\langle\mathbf{n}| \quad \rho_{\lambda\lambda'} = \langle\lambda|\hat{\rho}|\lambda'\rangle = \langle\lambda|\mathbf{n}\rangle\langle\mathbf{n}|\lambda'\rangle \quad \langle\lambda|\mathbf{n}\rangle = \xi_h^\dagger(\lambda)\xi(\mathbf{n})$$

take  $\vec{p} = |\vec{p}|\vec{e}_z$  as an example where we have  $\xi_h(+)=\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\xi_h(-)=\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_h^\dagger(+)\xi(\mathbf{n}) &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \xi_h^\dagger(-)\xi(\mathbf{n}) &= \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} \end{aligned} \quad \hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta e^{i\varphi} & \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{P} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}\vec{\sigma}) = \vec{n}$$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



Polarization vector of a spin-1/2 particle system in a pure state  $|p, n\rangle$

**Relativistic**, the spin state is given by the Dirac spinor  $|p, n\rangle$

$$|p, n\rangle = N \begin{pmatrix} \xi(n) \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \xi(n) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} \xi(n) = \xi(n) \quad \xi(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

The helicity state  $|p, \lambda\rangle$   $|p, \lambda\rangle = N \begin{pmatrix} \xi_h(\lambda) \\ \frac{\lambda |\vec{p}|}{E + m} \xi_h(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \xi_h(\lambda) = \lambda \xi_h(\lambda)$

$$\langle \lambda | n \rangle = \langle p, \lambda | p, n \rangle = N^2 \left[ \xi_h^\dagger(\lambda) \xi(n) + \xi_h^\dagger(\lambda) \frac{\lambda |\vec{p}|}{E + m} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E + m} \xi(n) \right] = \xi_h^\dagger(\lambda) \xi(n)$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta e^{i\varphi} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta e^{i\varphi} & \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{P} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \vec{\sigma}) = \vec{n}$

# Description of spin states: **spin-1/2 particles**



## Four dimensional polarization vector and spin projection operator of a spin-1/2 particle

In the rest frame

$$\mathbf{s} = (\mathbf{0}, \vec{s}) \quad \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{s} = 0$$

In the moving frame

$$\mathbf{s} = \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m}, \vec{s} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})\vec{p}}{m(E+m)} \right)$$

Longitudinal polarization  $\vec{s} \parallel \vec{p}$ : 
$$s_{\parallel} = \lambda \frac{1}{m} \left( |\vec{p}|, E \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \right) = \lambda v \frac{p}{m} + \lambda \frac{m}{E} \left( \mathbf{0}, \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \right) \rightarrow \lambda \frac{p}{m}$$

Transverse polarization  $\vec{s} \perp \vec{p}$ : 
$$\mathbf{s}_{\perp} = (\mathbf{0}, \vec{s}_{\perp}, \mathbf{0})$$

$$\mathbf{s} = s_{\parallel} + \mathbf{s}_{\perp} = \lambda v \frac{p}{m} + \lambda \frac{m}{E} \left( \mathbf{0}, \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \right) + \mathbf{s}_{\perp}$$

Space reflection:

$$\mathbf{p}^{\mu} = (p_0, \vec{p}) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^{\mu} = p_{\mu} = (p_0, -\vec{p})$$

$$\mathbf{s}^{\mu} = (s_0, \vec{s}) \rightarrow -\tilde{\mathbf{s}}^{\mu} = -s_{\mu} = (-s_0, \vec{s})$$

# Description of spin states: spin-1/2 particles



The spin projection operator  $u(p, s)\bar{u}(p, s) = (\not{p} + m) \frac{1}{2} (1 + \gamma_5 \not{s})$

$$u(p, s) = N \begin{pmatrix} \xi(s) \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \xi(s) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} \xi(s) = \xi(s) \quad \xi(s)\xi^\dagger(s) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s})$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(p, s)\bar{u}(p, s) &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi(s)\xi^\dagger(s) & -\xi(s)\xi^\dagger(s) \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \xi(s)\xi^\dagger(s) & -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \xi(s)\xi^\dagger(s) \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s}) & -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \frac{1}{2} [1 - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{2}{\vec{p}^2} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma})] \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s}) & -\frac{E - m}{E + m} \frac{1}{2} [1 - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{2}{\vec{p}^2} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma})] \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} & -\frac{E - m}{E + m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s}) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} [1 - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{2}{\vec{p}^2} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma})] \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Description of spin states: spin-1/2 particles



The spin projection operator

$$u(p, s)\bar{u}(p, s) = (\not{p} + m)\frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5 \not{s})$$

$$N^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{E + m} & -\frac{E - m}{E + m} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{N^2}{E + m} \begin{pmatrix} E + m & -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} & -E + m \end{pmatrix} = \frac{N^2}{E + m} (\gamma \cdot p + m)$$

$$\gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma_5 \gamma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma_5 \vec{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} \quad s = \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m}, \vec{s} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})\vec{p}}{m(E + m)} \right)$$

$$\gamma_5 \gamma \cdot s = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E + m)} & -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} \\ \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} - \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E + m)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{2}{p^2} (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \end{pmatrix} = 1 + \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot s + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E + m)} & \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} \\ -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} & \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E - m)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\gamma \cdot p + m) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E + m)} & \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} \\ -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{m} & \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s})(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma})}{m(E - m)} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



# Description of spin states: spin-1 particles



## Spin operator

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \quad \Sigma_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma_y = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spin density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{10} & \rho_{1-1} \\ \rho_{01} & \rho_{00} & \rho_{0-1} \\ \rho_{-11} & \rho_{-10} & \rho_{-1-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Decomposition

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{3}{2} S^i \Sigma^i + 3 T^{ij} \Sigma^{ij} \right] \quad \Sigma^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma^i \Sigma^j + \Sigma^j \Sigma^i) - \frac{2}{3} I \delta_{ij}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} S_{LL} + S_{TT}^{xx} & S_{TT}^{xx} & S_{LT}^x \\ S_{TT}^{xy} & -\frac{2}{3} S_{LL} - S_{TT}^{xx} & S_{LT}^y \\ S_{LT}^x & S_{LT}^y & \frac{4}{3} S_{LL} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Description of spin states: spin-1 particles

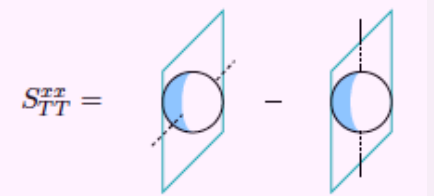
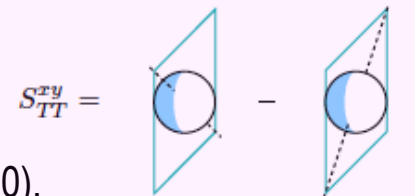
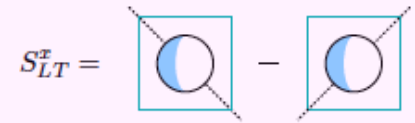
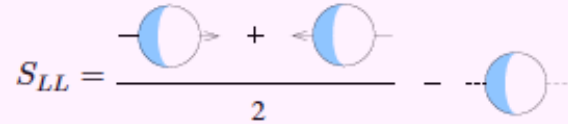
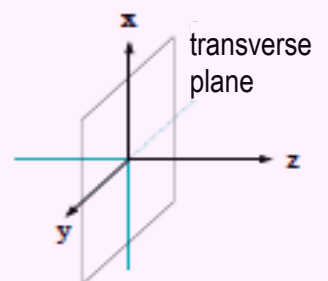
## Spin density matrix

**Polarization vector:**  $\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{0}, S_x, S_y, S_z) = (\mathbf{0}, S_T^x, S_T^y, S_L)$

**Tensor polarization:** **Scalar**  $S_{LL}$   
**Vector**  $S_{LT} = (\mathbf{0}, S_{LT}^x, S_{LT}^y, \mathbf{0})$

**Tensor**  $S_{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_{TT}^{xx} & S_{TT}^{xy} & 0 \\ 0 & S_{TT}^{xy} & S_{TT}^{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 + S_{LL}}{3} + \frac{S_L}{2} & \frac{(S_{LT}^x - iS_{LT}^y) + (S_T^x - iS_T^y)}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{S_{TT}^{xx} - iS_{TT}^{xy}}{2} \\ \frac{(S_{LT}^x + iS_{LT}^y) + (S_T^x + iS_T^y)}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1 - 2S_{LL}}{3} & \frac{(-S_{LT}^x + iS_{LT}^y) + (S_T^x - iS_T^y)}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{S_{TT}^{xx} + iS_{TT}^{xy}}{2} & \frac{(-S_{LT}^x - iS_{LT}^y) + (S_T^x + iS_T^y)}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1 + S_{LL}}{3} - \frac{S_L}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



See e.g. A. Bacchetta, & P.J. Mulders, PRD62, 114004 (2000).

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# Polarization measurements: hyperon polarization



Two body decay  $A \rightarrow 1 + 2$

In the rest frame of  $A$

$$\mathbf{p}_A = (M_A, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) \quad \mathbf{p}_1 = (E_1^*, \vec{p}_1^*) \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = (E_2^*, \vec{p}_2^*) \quad \vec{p}_1^* = -\vec{p}_2^* = \vec{p}^*$$

$$\mathbf{p}_A = \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 \quad E_1^* = (M_A^2 + m_1^2 - m_2^2)/2M_A$$

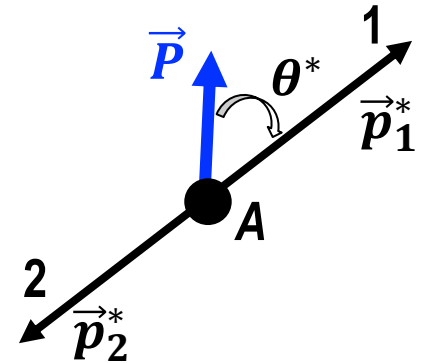
For unpolarized (or spinless)  $A$ , the decay product is isotropic.

$$\frac{d^3N}{d^3p_1} = \frac{1}{4\pi |\vec{p}_1^*|^2} \delta(|\vec{p}_1| - |\vec{p}_1^*|) \quad \frac{dN}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

For parity conserved decays of  $A$ , the decay product is isotropic.

For parity violating decay of the hyperon,

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( 1 + \alpha \vec{P} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_1^*}{|\vec{p}_1^*|} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha P \cos \theta^*)$$



Spin self analyzing parity violating weak decay of the hyperon  $A$ .

$\alpha$ : the decay polarization parameter,  
measured experimentally and can be found in PDG.

# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



Consider  $A \rightarrow 1 + 2$  in the rest frame of  $A$

Suppose  $A$  is in the spin state  $|S_A, M_A\rangle$ , the final state particles have helicities  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

The decay amplitude is  $A_m(\vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A, M_A \rangle$

Applying total angular momentum conservation

$$A_m(\vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | E, S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \langle E, J = S_A, M = M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A, M_A \rangle$$

Space rotation invariance demands

$$\langle S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A, M_A \rangle = \langle S_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A \rangle = H_{S_A}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

Helicity amplitude, independent of  $M_A$ , independent of angles  $(\theta, \varphi)$ .

Hence  $A_m(\vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle H_{S_A}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

The angular dependence is determined by the calculable state projection

$$\langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle$$

# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



## Calculation of $\langle p, \theta, \varphi; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | p, J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle$

It can be shown that  $\langle p, 0, 0; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | p, J, M; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle = \left( \frac{2J+1}{4\pi} \right)^{1/2}$

Any rotation can be described by three Euler angles  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

(1) a rotation of angle  $\alpha$  around **z**-axis  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x', y', z')$

(2) a rotation of angle  $\beta$  around **y'**-axis  $(x', y', z') \rightarrow (x'', y'', z'')$

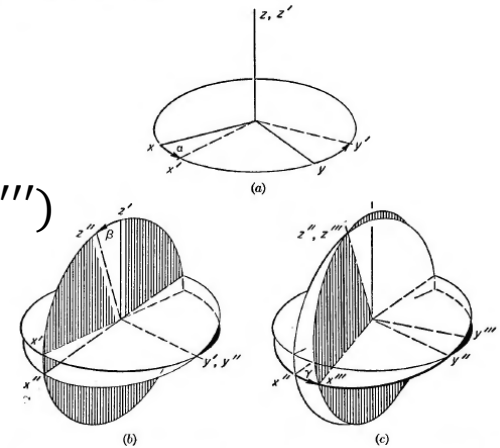
(3) a rotation of angle  $\gamma$  around **z''**-axis  $(x'', y'', z'') \rightarrow (x''', y''', z''')$

The rotation operator  $\hat{R}_n(\alpha) = e^{-i\alpha\hat{J}_n}$

$$\hat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \hat{R}_{z''}(\gamma)\hat{R}_{y'}(\beta)\hat{R}_z(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{R}_{y'}(\beta) = \hat{R}_z(\alpha)\hat{R}_y(\beta)\hat{R}_z^{-1}(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \hat{R}_z(\alpha)\hat{R}_y(\beta)\hat{R}_z(\gamma) = e^{-i\alpha\hat{J}_z}e^{-i\beta\hat{J}_y}e^{-i\gamma\hat{J}_z}$$



$$|p, \theta, \varphi; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle = \hat{R}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi)|p, 0, 0; \lambda_1, \lambda_2\rangle$$

# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



The Wigner rotation matrix  $\langle jm' | \widehat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | jm \rangle$

$$\widehat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | jm \rangle = \sum_{m'} | jm' \rangle \langle jm' | \widehat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | jm \rangle = \sum_{m'} D_{mm'}^j(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | jm' \rangle$$

$$D_{mm'}^j(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \langle jm' | \widehat{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | jm \rangle = e^{-im'\alpha} e^{-im\gamma} \langle jm' | e^{-i\beta \hat{J}_y} | jm \rangle = e^{-im'\alpha - im\gamma} d_{mm'}^j(\beta)$$

$$d_{mm'}^j(\beta) = \langle jm' | e^{-i\beta \hat{J}_y} | jm \rangle$$

$$= [(j+m)! (j-m)! (j+m')! (j-m')!]^{1/2}$$

$$\times \sum_{k=\max\{m-m', 0\}}^{\min\{j+m, j-m'\}} \frac{\left(\cos \frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{2j} \left(\tan \frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{2k-m+m'}}{(j+m-k)! (j-m'-k)! k! (k-m'+m)!}$$

$$d^{1/2}(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\beta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\beta}{2} & \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad d^1(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\cos \beta}{2} & -\frac{\sin \beta}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-\cos \beta}{2} \\ \frac{\sin \beta}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \beta & -\frac{\sin \beta}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1-\cos \beta}{2} & \frac{\sin \beta}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1+\cos \beta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

## The inner product

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | R^\dagger(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{M'_A} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, M'_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \langle S_A, M'_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | R^\dagger(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad M'_A = \lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \\
 &= \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, \lambda; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \langle S_A, \lambda; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | R^\dagger(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= \left( \frac{2J+1}{4\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} D_{M_A \lambda}^{S_A*}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi)
 \end{aligned}$$

## The decay amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_m(\vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A, M_A \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | S_A, M_A; \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle H_{S_A}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \\
 &= \left( \frac{2J+1}{4\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} D_{M_A \lambda}^{S_A*}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) H_A(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)
 \end{aligned}$$



# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



Suppose the spin density matrix of  $A$  is  $\hat{\rho}_A = \sum_{M_A} g_{M_A} |S_A, M_A\rangle \langle S_A, M_A|$

The spin density matrix of the system (1,2) is  $\hat{\rho}_{12} = \sum_{M_A} g_{M_A} \hat{U} |S_A, M_A\rangle \langle S_A, M_A| \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U} \hat{\rho}_A \hat{U}^\dagger$

## The angular distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(\theta, \varphi) &= N \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 | \hat{\rho}_{12} | \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \rangle = N \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 | \hat{U} \hat{\rho}_A \hat{U}^\dagger | \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= N \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2; M_A, M'_A} \langle \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 | \hat{U} | S_A, M_A \rangle \langle S_A, M_A | \hat{\rho}_A | S_A, M'_A \rangle \langle S_A, M'_A | \hat{U}^\dagger | \vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= N \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2; M_A, M'_A} A_{M_A}(\vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2) A_{M'_A}^*(\vec{p}; \lambda_1 \lambda_2) \langle S_A, M_A | \hat{\rho}_A | S_A, M'_A \rangle \\
 &= N' \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2; M_A, M'_A} |H_A(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)|^2 D_{M_A \lambda}^{S_A^*}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) D_{M'_A \lambda}^{S_A}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) \langle M_A | \hat{\rho}_A | M'_A \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



For  $V \rightarrow 1 + 2$ , where 1 and 2 are two pseudoscalar mesons, we have  $S_A = 1, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$

e.g.,  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} W(\theta, \varphi) &= N \sum_{M_A, M'_A} |H_A|^2 D_{M_A 0}^{1*}(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) D_{M'_A}^1(\varphi, \theta, -\varphi) \langle M_A | \hat{\rho}_A | M'_A \rangle \\ &= \frac{3}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{11} + \rho_{-1-1}) \sin^2 \theta + \rho_{00} \cos^2 \theta \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin 2\theta [\cos \varphi (\operatorname{Re} \rho_{10} - \operatorname{Re} \rho_{-10}) - \sin \varphi (\operatorname{Im} \rho_{10} + \operatorname{Im} \rho_{-10})] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sin^2 \theta (\cos 2\varphi \operatorname{Re} \rho_{1-1} - \sin 2\varphi \operatorname{Im} \rho_{1-1}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi W(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{3}{4} [(1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2 \theta]$$

# Polarization measurements: **vector meson**



For  $V \rightarrow 1 + 2$ , where 1 and 2 are two spin-1/2 Fermions, i.e.,  $S_A = 1, \lambda_1 = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_2 = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

consider the case: (1) Helicity conservation:  $\lambda_1 = -\lambda_2, \lambda = \pm 1$

(2) Space reflection invariance:  $H_A(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = H_A(-\lambda_1, -\lambda_2)$

**only one independent helicity amplitude**

e.g.,  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

$$W(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{3}{8\pi(1 + \rho_{00})} [1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_\varphi \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\varphi + \lambda_{\theta\varphi} \sin 2\theta \cos \varphi + \lambda_\varphi^\perp \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\varphi + \lambda_{\theta\varphi}^\perp \sin 2\theta \sin \varphi]$$

$$\lambda_\theta = \frac{1 - 3\rho_{00}}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

$$\lambda_\varphi = \frac{4\text{Re}\rho_{1-1}}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

$$\lambda_{\theta\varphi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\text{Re}(\rho_{10} - \rho_{-10})}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

$$\lambda_\varphi^\perp = \frac{4\text{Im}\rho_{1-1}}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

$$\lambda_{\theta\varphi}^\perp = \frac{\sqrt{2}\text{Im}(\rho_{10} - \rho_{-10})}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

# Polarization measurements: Hyperon decay



For  $H \rightarrow N\pi$ ,  $S_A = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \pm\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0$

$$W(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha P \cos \theta + \alpha \sin \theta \cos \varphi \operatorname{Re} \rho_{+-} + \alpha \sin \theta \sin \varphi \operatorname{Im} \rho_{+-})$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\left| H_A \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 - \left| H_A \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2}{\left| H_A \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 + \left| H_A \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2}$$

$$P = \rho_{++} - \rho_{--}$$

If space reflection invariance  $H_A \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = H_A \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)$   $\alpha = 0$

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